

## ATS History

In 1841, the first regular public transportation for passengers was the tri-weekly stagecoach between Macon and Bainbridge then Albany. In 1896, Albany had a streetcar line. The streetcar line ran by mules and didn't run on any tracks. There were no special stopping places for the streetcar; it stopped anywhere and waited for everyone. Automobiles began appearing in Albany about 1905. An electric streetcar began operation in Albany in 1912. Later, a small local privately-owned bus service operating under the name Albany Transit was the only public transportation available. Under private ownership the city small transit system was not profitable, due to rising equipment and operating cost, and the failing private transit system went out of business. In 1974 the City of Albany took over operation of the system. Today, Albany Transit System (ATS) operates as a division of the city government providing public transit services to the City of Albany. It has been dedicated to the provision of reliable, safe, and economical mass transportation for the citizens of Albany, Georgia. ATS is a six-day operation which operates six buses on thirteen routes between the hours of 5 A.M. and 8:30 P.M. Monday through Friday.

### ATS Hours of Operation Administrative Services

Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

### Transit Operations

Monday - Saturday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

### Bus Services

Monday-Friday 5:00 am - 8:30 pm, Saturday 6:15 am - 8:30 pm

All ATS Fixed Route and Paratransit vehicles are wheelchair accessible and equipped with bicycle rack

## CITY OF ALBANY ALBANY TRANSIT SYSTEM



## ADA PARA TRANSIT SERVICE & RIDERS GUIDE



Albany Transit System

712 Flint Ave

Albany, Georgia 31701

For more information call:  
229.446.2700

Currently, the paratransit program provides approximately 1,500 scheduled passenger trips per month, using a variety of vehicles specially equipped to transport individuals who are unable to use the fixed route bus service due to a disability related impairment. ADA paratransit is a shared ride, origin to destination, curb-to-curb transportation service. The program provides complementary service for eligible individuals who are unable to use regular bus. Due to the nature of this service and the ADA requirements, it is very important that each customer carefully follow the guidelines. Your cooperation and flexibility will allow ADA paratransit to serve you better and help make it possible for us to serve other eligible riders. This brochure is designed to "Help You Ride" ADA paratransit. In it you will find a wealth of information regarding policies and procedures that are pertinent to making your trip as convenient and hassle-free as possible. For information on eligibility, contact us at 229.446.2700.

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## ELIGIBILITY PROCESS

Paratransit has a two-year certification process. ADA paratransit and re-certifications are not automatic. ADA list three types of individuals with disabilities who are eligible for ADA complementary paratransit. In addition, there are three categories of eligibility that the transit industry uses to classify riders. The following individuals with disabilities are eligible for ADA complementary paratransit. The application process is based on the evaluation of the applicant's functional ability and may include an interview with the Transit Eligibility Coordinator. This process is not based on medical or diagnostic criteria. In other words, it doesn't matter what your diagnosis is, it matters what your functional ability is. Once Transit has determined that an individual is eligible, a rider's eligibility can be classified in one of three (3) ways: (1) Unconditional (2) Conditional and (3) Temporary.